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The relevance of JP 2000-341031 can be found on pages 2-4 of the Substitute Specification filed concurrently herewith.

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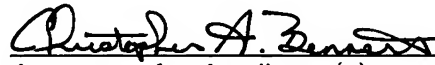
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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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